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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Carl Gabel of St. Louis as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Carl Gabel of St. Louis.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Gabel was nominated by the Veterans Administration St. Louis Health Care System.

Gabel has volunteered for more than 11 years at the Jefferson Barracks Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, where he has logged more than 15,000 hours of service. He has spearheaded the development and operation of the Jefferson Barracks VA Bowling Alley, and has been active in increasing patient participation in evening activities.

Gabel also is a mentor in the veterans court program, which provides an alternative to incarceration for approved veterans. A member of Disabled American Veterans and the Elks, he participates in many Veterans Day, “salute to veterans” and Independence Day events.

In her nomination, Rimaann Nelson, executive director of the VA St. Louis Medical Center, said Gabel lives out the phrase, “veterans serving veterans.”

“With his strong support, (he) has contributed to our facility reaching our mission and goals to provide structured diversional activities for our patients,” she said. “Mr. Gabel fully embodies the intent of the lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award.”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Gabel with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“Carl Gabel sets an example for all Missourians with his kindness and willingness to serve veterans in the St. Louis area,” Kinder said. “His selfless service is an inspiration to all who know him.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Gabel won in District 1.